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23. (Amended) A system for processing messages, comprising:

means, associated with a computer, for receiving an electronic mail message;

means for determining whether the message which has been received is for a device associated with the computer, the device being a business office device including a processor;

[and]

means for transmitting a communication from the computer to the device, when the means for determining determines that the message is for the device; and

means for operating the processor of the device in response to the communication--

Please add claims 45-53 as follows:

--45. A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving data from the device, in response to the step of operating the processor;

creating an electronic mail message by the computer including the data which has

been received; and

transmitting over the Internet the electronic mail message generated by the computer.

46. A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

executing, by a device driver of the computer, commands for at least one of

controlling and monitoring the device.

47. A method according to claim 1, wherein the business office device at least one of generates an image on a recording medium and scans an image on a recording medium.

48. A method according to claim 1, wherein the transmitting step comprises:

transmitting the communication as a command for processing by the processor of the device.

49. A method according to claim 18, wherein the step of transmitting information from a device comprises:

transmitting the information from a business office device which at least one of generates an image on a recording medium and scans an image on a recording medium.

50. A system according to claim 23, further comprising:

means for receiving data from the device, in response to an operation of the means for operating the processor;

means for creating an electronic mail message by the computer including the data which has been received; and

means for transmitting over the Internet the electronic mail message generated by the computer.

51. A system according to claim 23, further comprising:

means for executing, by a device driver of the computer, commands for at least one of controlling and monitoring the device.

52. A system according to claim 23, wherein the means for transmitting comprises:

means for transmitting the communication as a command for processing by the processor of the device.

53. A system according to claim 40, wherein the means for transmitting information from a device comprises:

means for transmitting the information from a business office device which at least one of generates an image on a recording medium and scans an image on a recording medium.--